

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 13, 20, 23 and 24 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and amend Claims 1, 2, 21, 22, 25 and 26 as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, now read as follows:

1. (Currently amended) An information processing method of recording or accumulating job information on a job issued from an information processing apparatus connectable to an image forming apparatus, comprising:

an acquisition step of acquiring the job information from the information processing apparatus or the image forming apparatus;

a determination step of determining whether to record or accumulate the job information acquired in the acquisition step, in accordance with a driver which generates data of the issued job; and

a recording/accumulation step of recording or accumulating the job information determined in the determination step to be recorded or accumulated,

wherein, in the recording/accumulation step, job information determined in the determination step to be accumulated is extracted and accumulated from pieces of acquired job information, and grasp of the number of output pages or charging of an output job is performed.

2. (Currently amended) An information processing method of recording or accumulating job information on a job issued from an information processing apparatus connectable to an image forming apparatus, comprising:

an acquisition step of acquiring the job information from the information processing apparatus or the image forming apparatus;

a determination step of determining whether to record or accumulate the job information acquired in the acquisition step, in accordance with an output destination of a job corresponding to the job information; and

a recording/accumulation step of recording or accumulating the job information determined in the determination step to be recorded or accumulated,

wherein, in the recording/accumulation step, job information determined in the determination step to be accumulated is extracted and accumulated from pieces of acquired job information, and grasp of the number of output pages or charging of an output job is performed.

3. (Original) The method according to claim 2, wherein in the determination step, whether to record or accumulate the job information is determined in accordance with an image forming apparatus to which the job information has been issued.

4. (Original) The method according to claim 3, wherein in the determination step, the image forming apparatus to which the job information has been issued is specified in accordance with port information contained in the job information.

5. (Original) The method according to claim 2, wherein in the determination step, whether to record or accumulate the job information is determined on the basis of whether the output destination of the job corresponding to the job information is the information processing apparatus or the image forming apparatus.

6. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein in the determination step, a driver which has issued the job information is specified in accordance with driver information contained in the job information.

7. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein in the determination step, whether to record or accumulate the job information is determined on the basis of whether the job information acquired in the acquisition step coincides with a condition contained in a non-recording target database prepared in advance.

8. (Original) The method according to claim 7, wherein  
the non-recording target database contains non-recording port information not to be recorded or accumulated, and  
in the determination step, whether to record or accumulate the job information is determined on the basis of whether port information contained in the job information acquired in the acquisition step is the non-recording port information.

9. (Original) The method according to claim 7, wherein  
the non-recording target database contains non-recording driver information not to be recorded or accumulated, and  
in the determination step, whether to record or accumulate the job information is determined on the basis of whether driver information contained in the job information acquired in the acquisition step is the non-recording driver information.

10. (Original) The method according to claim 7, further comprising a registration step of registering in the non-recording target database a condition of job information not to be recorded or accumulated.

11. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein in the determination step, whether to record or accumulate the job information is determined on the basis of whether the job information acquired in the acquisition step coincides with a condition contained in a recording database prepared in advance.

12. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein in the recording/accumulation step, the job information determined in the determination step to be recorded is recorded in a database in a searchable format.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Original) The method according to claim 2, wherein in the determination step, whether to record or accumulate the job information is determined on the basis of whether the job information acquired in the acquisition step coincides with a condition contained in a non-recording target database prepared in advance.

15. (Original) The method according to claim 14, wherein  
the non-recording target database contains non-recording port information not to be recorded or accumulated, and

in the determination step, whether to record or accumulate the job information is determined on the basis of whether port information contained in the job information acquired in the acquisition step is the non-recording port information.

16. (Original) The method according to claim 14, wherein  
the non-recording target database contains non-recording driver information not to be recorded or accumulated, and

in the determination step, whether to record or accumulate the job information is determined on the basis of whether driver information contained in the job information acquired in the acquisition step is the non-recording driver information.

17. (Original) The method according to claim 14, further comprising a registration step of registering in the non-recording target database a condition of job information not to be recorded or accumulated.

18. (Original) The method according to claim 2, wherein in the determination step, whether to record or accumulate the job information is determined on the basis of whether the job information acquired in the acquisition step coincides with a condition contained in a recording database prepared in advance.

19. (Original) The method according to claim 2, wherein in the recording/accumulation step, the job information determined in the determination step to be recorded is recorded in a database in a searchable format.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently amended) An information processing server which records or accumulates job information on a job issued to an image forming apparatus from an information processing client connected to a network, comprising:

an acquisition unit configured to acquire ~~means for acquiring~~ the job information from the information processing client or the image forming apparatus;

a determination unit configured to determine ~~means for determining~~ whether to record the job information acquired by said acquisition unit ~~means~~, in accordance with a driver which generates data of the issued job; and

a recording/accumulation unit configured to record or accumulate ~~means for recording or accumulating~~ the job information determined by said determination unit ~~means~~ to be recorded or accumulated,

wherein, in the recording/accumulation unit, job information determined by the determination unit to be accumulated is extracted and accumulated from pieces of acquired job information, and grasp of the number of output pages or charging of an output job is performed.

22. (Currently amended) An information processing server which records or accumulates job information on a job issued to an image forming apparatus from an information processing client connected to a network, comprising:

an acquisition unit configured to acquire ~~means for acquiring~~ the job information from the information processing client or the image forming apparatus;

a determination unit configured to determine ~~means for determining~~ whether to record or accumulate the job information acquired by said acquisition unit ~~means~~, in accordance with an output destination of a job corresponding to the job information; and

a recording/accumulation unit configured to record or accumulate ~~means for recording or accumulating~~ the job information determined by said determination unit ~~means~~ to be recorded or accumulated,

wherein, in the recording/accumulation unit, job information determined by the determination unit to be accumulated is extracted and accumulated from pieces of acquired job information, and grasp of the number of output pages or charging of an output job is performed.

23. and 24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing a computer-executable program for managing job information on a job issued from an information processing apparatus to an image forming apparatus, wherein the program causes a computer to execute

an acquisition step of acquiring the job information from the information processing apparatus or the image forming apparatus,

a determination step of determining whether to record or accumulate the job information acquired in the acquisition step, in accordance with a driver which generates data of the issued job, and

a recording/accumulation step of recording or accumulating the job information determined in the determination step to be recorded or accumulated,

wherein, in the recording/accumulation step, job information determined in the determination step to be accumulated is extracted and accumulated from pieces of acquired job information, and grasp of the number of output pages or charging of an output job is performed.

26. (Currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing a computer-executable program for managing job information on a job issued from an information processing apparatus to an image forming apparatus, wherein the program causes a computer to execute

an acquisition step of acquiring the job information from the information processing apparatus or the image forming apparatus,

a determination step of determining whether to record or accumulate the job information acquired in the acquisition step, in accordance with an output destination of a job corresponding to the job information, and

a recording/accumulation step of recording or accumulating the job information determined in the determination step to be recorded or accumulated,

wherein, in the recording/accumulation step, job information determined in the determination step to be accumulated is extracted and accumulated from pieces of acquired job information, and grasp of the number of output pages or charging of an output job is performed.

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